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MOVEMENTS

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SUMMARY: ARAB-AFRICAN NLM RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED NIGHT
OF MARCH 13-14. RESOLUTION CALLED ON ALL STATES CON-
CERNED TO GRANT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY ARAB
LEAGUE AND OAU PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES NECESSARY FOR
THEIR TASKS. RESOLUTION PASSED IN ROLL-CALL VOTE
53-5(US, ISRAEL, UK, FRANCE, FRG)-15(WEO). END SUMMARY.

1. NLM RESULUTION DEBATED IN LAST SESSION OF CONFER-
ENCE. PLENARY ON NIGHT OF MARCH 13-14. 29-NATION SPON-
SORED DRAFT WAS INTRODUCED BY EGYPTIAN DEL OSMAN KHALIL.
OPERATIVE PARAS FOUND IN LAST PARA THIS TEL.

2. IN DEBATE US ALT REP (SURENA) REQUESTED CHAIR FOR
CLARIFICATION ON THREE PROCEDURAL POINTS. FIRST, HE
REQUESTED CHAIR TO RULE WHETHER RESOLUTION WITHIN CON-
FERENCE'S GENERAL TERMS OF REFERENCE AS LAID OUT BY UNGA;
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SECOND, HE QUESTIONED APPROPRIATENESS OF CONFERENCE

REFERRING MATTERS TO UNGA THAT CONFERENCE NOT CONVENED TO CONSIDER AND NOT WITHIN TERMS OF REFERENCE; FINALLY, HE ARGUED THAT RESOLUTION, IF ADOPTED, SHOULD BE IN ANNEX TO FINAL ACT RATHER THAN IN FINAL ACT ITSELF. SUY (LEGAL COUNSEL) THROUGH CHAIR STATED THAT, WHILE RESOLUTION NOT STRICTLY IN THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE, CONFERENCE IS OWN MASTER; HE ADDED (UNNECESSARILY IN OUR VIEW) THAT THERE ARE PRECEDENTS FOR CONFERENCES ASKING UNGA TO CONSIDER MATTER OUTSIDE FORMER'S AREA OF CONCERN AND, WHILE TYPICALLY SUCH RESOLUTIONS WERE IN ANNEXES, REITERATED THAT CONFERENCE IS ITS OWN MASTER.

3. US DEL STATED REGRETS THAT CHAIR IN LIGHT SUY COMMENTS DID NOT RULE RESOLUTION OUT OF ORDER AND ACCORDINGLY US DEL REQUESTED VOTE ON COMPETENCE OF CONFERENCE. ISRAELI DEL SUPPORTED THIS REQUEST. CONFERENCE DECIDED IN WAS COMPETENT BY VOTE OF 47-10(US, SOME WEO)-15.

4. SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE FOLLOWED DURING WHICH US DEL MADE STATEMENT ALONG LINES CONTAINED REFTEL. ONLY OTHER DEL TO SPEAK DURING DEBATE CLEARLY AGAINST RESOLUTION WAS ISRAEL. US AND ISRAELI DEL INSISTED THAT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTED MATTER OF SUBSTANCE REQUIRING 2/3 VOTE FOR APPROVAL. AFTER PROCEDURAL WRANGLE SPEARHEADED BY EGYPT, CHAIR RULED RELUCTANTLY THAT RESOLUTION WAS MATTER OF PROCEDURE. US DEL WITH GREAT REGRET APPEALED RULING; RULING SUPPORTED BY CONFERENCE BY VOTE OF 52-12(US)-7. CONFERENCE THEN PROCEEDED TO VOTE ON DRAFT RESOLUTION BY ROLL CALL AT REQUEST OF ISRAEL. RESOLUTION WAS THEN ADOPTED BY VOTE 53-5-15.

5. COMMENT: WEOS TOOK EXCEEDINGLY LOW PROFILE DURING DEBATE. US AND NETHERLANDS WERE ONLY MEMBERS WHO TOOK FLOOR DURING DEBATE ON SUBSTANCE; CANADA AND AUSTRIA WERE ONLY TWO TO OFFER EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE WITH AUSTRIA JUSTIFYING ITS POSITIVE VOTE BY REFERRING TO ITS POSITIVE VOTE IN UNGA ON NLMS LAST YEAR.

6. TEXT OF OPERATIVE PARAS OF RESOLUTION FOLLOW:

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1. REQUESTS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS AT ITS THIRTIETH REGULAR SESSION TO EXAMINE THIS QUESTION WITHOUT DELAY;

2. RECOMMENDS, IN THE MEANTIME, THE STATES CONCERNED TO ACCORD TO DELEGATIONS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WHICH ARE RECOGNIZED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND/OR BY THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES IN THEIR

RESPECTIVE REGIONS AND WHICH HAVE BEEN GRANTED OBSERVER STATUS BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION CONCERNED, THE FACILITIES, PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES NECESSARY FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR TASKS AND TO BE GUIDED THEREIN BY THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION ADOPTED BY THIS CONFERENCE;

3. DECIDES TO INCLUDE THE PRESENT RESOLUTION IN THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE.MOWINCKEL

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